

Notice of Allowability

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6-22-2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 2 and 4.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11-8-2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 1-2, and 4 are allowed over the prior art of record.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The applicant's Remarks, filed on 06/22/2005, have been carefully reviewed with update search. Consequently, reasons for allowance of claims 1-2, and 4 are set forth in according to the applicant's remarks stated on page 5.

Regarding claim 1, the prior art made of record fails to clearly teach or fairly suggest, the feature of fallback telecommunication device for automatically switching between the PSTN and VOIP, the device comprises a microprocessor, relay circuit, off-hook detection circuit, and a dummy load circuit. Furthermore, the dummy load circuit connected to the tip terminal and the ring terminal of the PSTN for generating a simulated off-hook signals to transmit to the PSTN when the VOIP tip and ring terminals are in use, wherein the dummy load circuit consists of a full-wave bridge rectifier circuit and a relay; one end of the full-wave bridge rectifier circuit is connected to the ring terminal of the PSTN and another end of the full-wave bridge rectifier circuit is connected to a shunt terminal at one side of the relay, a shunt terminal at another side of the relay is connected to the PSTN tip terminal and the signal input terminal of the relay is connected to the microprocessor which controls continuity between the ring and

tip terminals, in combination with other limitations, as specified in the independent claim 1, and further limitations of their respective dependent claims 2 and 4.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Tuan A. Pham** whose telephone number is (571) 272-8097. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

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